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[Young People's Weekly. Topic, October 30: Helpfuiness .- Fx.

17: 8-13. Gal. 6: 1-5. It does not need a very thorough study of God's world to discover that selfishness is not the law of growth. Those who see in nature only a fierce contest, in which unit antagonizes every other, take a very superficial view. Mutual dependence and mutual helpfulness are the two acts we find most emphasized throughout creation from the lowest order of life up to the highest, and in a constantly increasing de-

With a Christian there is no question whether he shall help or not. It is a necessity of his spiritual existence. His burden includes his brother's temptation and his sister's sorrow. In family life the mother does not feel that she has discharged her responsibility when she has looked out ter her own wants; to satisfy the needs of her children seems to her a far more vital part of brotherhood we should realize our relationship so perfectly that the welfare of our own touls does not seem to us our only responsibility, while helping our neighbor is an extra, to be assumed or ignored at pleasure. Every one should bear his own burden, but the burden of a strong nature includes that of the weaker brother.

The most serious mistake young Christi ns make in this connection is the failure to distinguish between helping others and doing things for them. If a little sister is complaining over some distasteful task, it is a natural impulse to take it out of her hands and do it for her. If a child on the streets stops you to ask for money, whining out a tale of misery you do not quite believe, you will probably either pass him without a word or else comply with his request. But in both these cases your act is likely to do more harm than good, and cannot properly be counted as helpfulness.

When Christ helped people he suple mented their strength and resources but never supplied what was unneccesmultiplied the loaves and fishes of some unknown lad, instead of commanding life that the stones should become bread. of Jairus back to life, at once he directed that something be given her to eat. ness; and human giving is helpful in mulated arrears of business. proportion to its observation of this

are protesting against the unthinking please, says she." charity which destroys the self-respect of those who are aided. In many a home a loving mother has made selfish sons and daughters through a mistaken idea of helpfulness.

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THE BRIDE'S BARGAIN.

EY HELEN FOREST GRAVES.

"Tell me, did you see the bride come ome last night?" said Mrs. Bayberry. "Didn't I, though!" said Miss Drusil-

Beames. "I waited at the train, just a-purpose. The idea of Squire Brownell marrying such a slip of a thing as that! Hardly more than sixteen, with hair flying down her back exactly like a child's; and he past forty! I call it ri-

And Miss Drusilla, who had not been without hopes of capturing the well-todo widower herself, turned away, with the frosty tip of her nose elevated superciliously in the air.

But while the villagers of Grangefield were thus freely expressing their minds, Hetty Brownell, the bride, was Give us the dollar and the old china skipping from room to room of the picturesque little cottage which was to be her summer home.

"Oh, what a lovely pale blue carpet!" cried she. "And white muslin curtains, looped with blue ribbon, and a mirror that one can see one's whole self in. her obligation. In our Christian But the dining-room is a deal too dark and gloomy. I shall get Cecil to have it upholstered in rose color or pale buff. And such a lot of horrid old twisted chairs and spider-legged tables!"

She was as fresh and pretty as a roseoud, with her baby-clear complexion, coral lips and innocent blue eyes-this young wife of the sage lawyer's.

He had fallen in love with her as saddenly and inextricably as if he had been a schoolboy instead of a widower of forty.

She was the niece of the old man who officiated as janitor in the great marblefronted building on Cedar street, where lawyers, brokers and insurance agents ongregated like bees, in a huge, swarming hive.

Old Hopkins was stupid and illiterate enough, but Hetty was like a delicate wayside flower, and Cecil Brownell lost his heart to her at once. She had some education, for she was training for a district school teacher, and she had an innocent winning way, which the lawyer could not resist.

So he married her, and dreamed away happy month on the breezy heights said the squire, patting her check. sary. In feeding the five thousand he of the White Mountains, before he returned to the beaten tracks of everyday

And now Hetty had come to Grange When he summoned the little daughter field, where two staid old family servants, who had belonged to the first go out on horsebrek, and I'll teach Mrs. Brownell, were waiting to wel-God's help never weakens and degrades come her; and Mr. Brownell was to fol- we'll see about remodeling the garden- muc h!" men, because it insists on self-helpful- low, as soon as he adjusted his accu-

"Why, she ain't nothing but a child," said Dorcas, as she flounced back into the brim of his straw hat. Missionaries are learning that in her kitchen. "I axed her what was her Hetty vanished through the lace many cases native churches have been orders for breakfast, and she says— curtains, which were blowing about in reflect that he had just bought his own says she, 'I don't know. Just what you

chalk is like cheese," retorted Mary Ann. "We might as well have a big wax doll about the place. If you'll believe me, Dorcas, she's a-sittin' flat on the floor now, a-playin' with the cat!"

But Hetty Brownell was presently ticular specimen affected him in a aroused from her frolic with the kitten startling and unpleasant manner. by the nasal and insinuating accents of a peddler, who had come clear up on bility after another, looking after all the veranda, and was putting his head the details, bearing all the burdens, has through the lace draperies of the win-

"Chins, ma'am?" said lie, with a bow and a scrape. "Elegant vases? Gift cnps an' sa-aacers? Ma ntle-tier ornaments? In exchange for second-hand clothes, or any old truck you've got about the house, ma'am."

Hetty looked at the contents of the well piled basket with sparkling eyes. She had all the admiration for gaudy, showy things that belongs to a savage or a child.

"How pretty!" said she picking out a gilded vase, painted all over with sprawling roses. "But I haven't any old clothes."

"Oh, I ain't roways part cular, ma'am," said the man. "Any old stick of furniture'll do-plated-ware, picters, anything under the sun as you're tired

Hetty looked around. In her secret taind she had already established the gift vase on the top of an antique cabinet apposite, and filled it with the honeysuckle sprays that were twining so luxuriantly around the piazza columns; and she took an ancient and varnished-looking porcelam ornament fron the sideboard-a dragon, with dim green eyes, and shifting peacock tints of emerald and pearl.

"That is all I care to give away," said Hetty. "What is the price of your rase?"

"Cheap at three dollars, ma'am," said the peddler, resting the end of Lis basket on the edge of the table, and

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looking greedily at the dragon.

"Well, I'll tell you what I'll do," said Hetty, who had as much chance at a bargain with the peldler as an inexperienced chicken might stand with a wily old fox. "I'll give you this thing and a dollar for your vase."

"Couldn't you make it a dollar and a half, ma'am?" said the man, screwing his eyes down to mere slits.

"I've only a dollar in change," said Het.y. "And it's all I can afford. After all, we've plenty of vases, only I rather liked the looks of that one."

And she turned indifferently away secretly flattering herself that she was maneuvering to the best advantage-"Hold on a minute ma'am," said the peddler. "I ain't done much this morning, and I'm bound to make a trade somehow, even if I lose by it.

yourn." And in five minutes Hetty had her prize filled with rosebuds and honeysuckles, and silvery green sprays of' Southern wood.

reptile, and the elegant new vase is

"My first purchase in the new house, said Hetty, to herself, "Won't Cecil be pleased when he sees it!"

It wass three days, however, before Squire Brownell was able to rejoine his young wife; and Hetty, who had no intellectual resources to fall back upon -who hated practicing, and invariably went to sleep over a book-found the flower-twined cottage dull enough.

But when at last the squire's burly figure appeared at the garden-gate. Hetty ran joyfully to meet him, her pale gold hair floating like a halo in the sunshine, and her cheeks flushed with the sofest pink that ever painted the inside of a seashell.

"Well, Puss!" said the squire, his own face brightening up at the idea of such a welcome on the threshold which he other?" said he, rising and going had so long been dreary and deserted "so you're really glad to see me?"

"Oh, so glad, Cecil!" cried the bride, slipping her arm through his, and nestling close to his side. "And I've been so dismally lonesome without "There was that edition of Dakens,"

"Di ckens is so stupid' said Hetty. "I never could understand what pecple see to laugh at in Dickens!" "Well, dear," said the indulgent husband, "now I've come back, we'll

beds, and all that sort of thing." He sat down as he spoke, on the veranda, fanning his heated face with

you to drive that pony phaeton, and

the soft summer breeze, and presently returned, holding up the gaudy gilt "No more like the first missis than vase, with its sprawling roses and big over, and Hetty was such a child, afgreen leaves.

"I've got a surprise for you, Cecil," she said. 'See what Iv'e bought!" The squire winched a little. He was a judge of ceramics, and this par-

', Don't you like it, Cecil? Why, I thought you would be so pleased,"

said unconscious Hetty. "Like it? Oh, yes, my dear! I dare a while, to discriminate between china and this sort of thing."

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All this time he was fumbling in the depihs of his "traveling-bag, and finally succeeded in disinterring a small pasteboard box, which he opened in some triumph.

But Hetty's cheeks turned pinker still as he took out the identical emerald hued dragon, with the flimy green eyes, which she had bargained off to the chima peddler three days ago!

"I wonder how it will fcompare with into the dining-room. "Why-Hello! Where is the thing? Dorcas! Mary Ann! Where have the women put

"Cecil," said Hetty, taking hold of the third button of the squire's coat, and speaking in a very low tone "please don't be vexed, but-but I, traded off that very ugly old cracked dragon to a china peddler for this

"W bat!" roared the squire. "Yes," said Hetty; "I know it by the oblong bit chipped off just under its eyes. I-I didn't know it was so valuable. And I wanted the vase so

If Hetty hadn't been a bride, and such a pretty bride, the squire might have expressed his mind plainly on the subject; for he was an adorer of antique china, and it was not pleasant to

green dragon at a fancy price. But the honeymoon was scarcely

"My dear," said the squire, after swallowing a lump in his throat, "don't drive any more such bargains." "No," swid Hetty, meekly; "I

### won't."-Saturday Night, INELEGANT.

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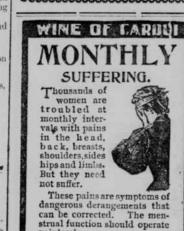
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